

purchase the annuity has been paid out, the difference between the balance used to purchase the annuity and the sum of monthly payments already made will be paid to the named beneficiaries. The participant (or the joint annuitant, if the participant is deceased) may name or change the beneficiaries. This feature can be combined with any other annuity option.

(2) *Ten-year certain.* This feature provides that, if the participant dies before annuity payments have been made for 10 years (120 payments), monthly payments will continue to be made to the beneficiaries selected by the participant until 120 payments have been made. This feature can be combined with any single life annuity option, but cannot be selected in conjunction with any joint life annuity option.

(e) The Board can, from time to time, establish other types of annuities, other levels of survivor benefits, and other annuity features.

(f) The Board can, from time to time, eliminate a type of annuity (except for those annuities described in paragraph (b) of this section), a survivor benefit level, or an annuity feature. However, if the Board does so, it must continue to allow participants to purchase annuities of the eliminated type or containing the eliminated feature for five years after the date the decision to eliminate the annuity type or feature is published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(g) Once an annuity has been purchased, the type of annuity, any annuity features, and the identity of the annuitant cannot be changed, and the annuity cannot be terminated.

§ 1650.13 Transfer of withdrawal payments.

(a) At the participant's request, the TSP will transfer directly to an eligible retirement plan all or part of any withdrawal that is an "eligible rollover distribution," as defined in 26 U.S.C. 402(c)(4). A withdrawal method that is not an eligible rollover distribution cannot be transferred.

(b) The following TSP withdrawal methods are considered eligible rollover distributions:

(1) A single payment, as described in § 1650.10;

(2) Monthly payments, as described in § 1650.11, where payments are expected to last less than 10 years at the time they begin, according to the following rules:

(i) If the participant elects a number of monthly payments, the number of payments must be fewer than 120;

(ii) If the participant elects a monthly payment amount, the amount, when divided into the participant's account balance as of the end of the month prior to the first payment, must yield a number less than 85;

(3) A final single payment, as described in § 1650.11(c).

(c) The following withdrawal methods are not eligible rollover distributions:

(1) Any annuity purchased by the TSP.

(2) Any monthly payment that does not meet the rules set forth in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, including any monthly payment computed based on the Internal Revenue Service expected return multiple table V (see § 1650.11(a)(3)).

(3) Any minimum distribution payment or any portion of another payment which represents a minimum distribution payment.

(d) An eligible retirement plan is a plan defined in 26 U.S.C. 402(c)(8). There are three types of eligible retirement plans: an Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA) (which can be either an individual retirement account or an individual retirement annuity), a plan qualified under 26 U.S.C. 401(a), and a plan described in 26 U.S.C. 403(a). An IRA or other eligible retirement plan must be maintained in the United States, which means one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia.

§ 1650.14 Deferred withdrawal elections.

(a) Subject to paragraph (b) of this section, a participant who separates from Government employment and elects to withdraw his or her account under one of the methods provided in §§ 1650.10, 1650.11 or 1650.12 may specify a future date (which shall be a month and year) for payment of the withdrawal.

(b) The future date chosen under this section cannot be later than March of